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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: J. S. Ruggles
Natsuhiko MIZUTANI et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1795
Application No.: 10/529,892)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7800
U.S. National Stage Completion)	
Under 35 U.S.C. § 371: November 22, 2005	:	
)	
For: NEAR-FIELD LIGHT GENERATING METHOD	:	
AND NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD USING A)	
LIGHT BLOKADING METAL FILM HAVING A	:	
FINE OPENING WHOSE SIZE IS NOT MORE)	
THAN A WAVELENGTH OF IRRADIATED	:	
LIGHT, AND NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL)	
MICROSCOPE HAVING THE OPTICAL HEAD	:	
(As Amended))	August 13, 2009

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**AMENDMENT, SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
& SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: